

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
January 11, 2022 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr.
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr.
Commissioner Ricardo Garza

Members Absent

Commissioner Richard Arevalo

City Staff Present

Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Jonathan B. Flores
Janie Flores
Mauro Sandoval
Janie Gaytan
Rosie Tello
Samm Mercado

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Mayor Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Ricardo Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of December 14, 2021.

Motion to approve consent agenda was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-01, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division First Responder Mental Health Grant Program FY 2023.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this grant would provide assistance in addressing direct and indirect trauma that occurs in the course of a first responder's duties. The goal is to provide first responders with confidential, specialized evidence-based approaches to treating and reducing stress. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-02, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program FY 2023.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this grant would provide personnel and equipment to help foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-03, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant Program FY 2023.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this grant would provide funding to hire an individual that is dedicated to response, training, and education on family violence related issues. A match of 30% would be required from the City of the \$52,000 total project cost. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-04, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program FY 2023.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this grant would allow the department to purchase and acquire body armor which would be utilized in any high profile incidents. Police officers would carry the armor in their units to use for protection if responding to a call of an active shooter or any similar dangerous situation. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-05, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Criminal Justice Program.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this grant would provide funding to acquire additional equipment for the department to help improve efficiency. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2022-06, related to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division General Victim Assistance Program.

Police Chief, Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, stated that this was for a project continuation. This grant would allow the department to continue with the services of our Crime

Victim's Liaison who has been doing a wonderful job. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Discuss and consider approving request by Hidalgo County Elections Department to utilize a city facility for the 2022 Election Cycle for Early Voting and/or Election Day.

Baudelia Rojas, Deputy City Manager, stated that the Hidalgo County Elections Department is requesting to utilize a City facility for the 2022 Election Cycle. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that this was to update the dates on the disaster declaration. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Underwood stated that there would be a Food Bank food distribution event tomorrow from 9 am to 11 am that would be held at the Development Center location.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

